



STATE OF DELAWARE
Child Death Review Commission
(CDRC)
MINUTES

Meeting Date and Time: November 18, 2016 at 1:00 PM

Meeting Location: Appoquinimink State Service Center in Middletown, DE

Attendance:

Commissioners:

Dr. Marg Agostino
Ms. Aleks Casper
Ms. Patricia Ciranni
Dr. Garrett H. C. Colmorgen, Chair
Ms. Mary Ann Crosley
Ms. Tania M. Culley, Esq.
Ms. Nancy Forsythe
Dr. Gerald Gallucci
Mr. Mawuna Gardesey
Ms. Laura Giles
Ms. Marjorie Hershberger
Dr. Amanda Kay
Ms. MaryAnn Mieczkowski
Ms. Leslie Newman
Ms. Trenee Parker
Ms. Allison Reardon, Esq.
Dr. Rebecca Walker

CDNDSC Staff:

Ms. Anne Pedrick, Executive Director
Ms. Kimberly Liprie, Child Death Specialist

General Session Minutes

I. Call to Order

Dr. Garrett H. C. Colmorgen called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM and introductions were made.

II. Old Business

- a. **Minutes.** The general meeting minutes from September 2016 were accepted without change.

III. New Business

- a. **Policy Review.** The Executive Director provided copies of the Policy and Procedures written for Sudden Death in the Young, Fetal Infant Mortality Review, and Child Death Review. A motion to accept all three policies as written was approved.
- b. **American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Revised Infant Safe Sleep Guidelines.** Marjorie Hershberger updated the Commission on the updated AAP Infant Safe Sleeping Guidelines. Breastfeeding research has shown that if a Mother breastfeeds her baby exclusively, it reduces Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) by 70%. Skin to skin contact is important in reducing the risk of SIDS. Room sharing, without bed sharing can also reduce the risk of SIDS by 50%.
- c. **Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Reverse Site Visit-Sudden Death in the Young (SDY) Panel.** Marjorie Hershberger updated the Commission on the outcome of the CDC Reverse Site Visit held in October 2016. Staff from the Division of Forensic Science- Office of the Medical Examiner was in attendance at this Reverse Site Visit, in addition to Ms. Hershberger and Anne Pedrick.
- d. **Review of Joint Commission Retreat Action Plan.** Tania Culley reviewed the Joint Retreat Action Plan with the Commissioners. It was unanimously voted upon and approved with one minor change.
- e. **Medical residents attending CDRC meetings-**Dr. Amanda Kay explained the need for members in the medical community by residency or fellowship, attending the Child Death Review Commission meetings or panels in order to enhance their education and practice. It was unanimously voted upon and agreed that the CDRC will pursue a statutory change to allow this exception for educational purposes. The statute could be modeled after the Family Court statute for attorneys. The Executive Director will work with the Tania Culley to develop legislation.

- IV. **Substance Exposed Infant Committee.** Jennifer Donahue explained the approval that was granted for the in-depth technical assistance support has been which includes support to achieve the state-wide SEI goals. Data was provided as to how many cases were documented last year (294 cases) and so far in 2017 (365 cases).